




1 Where in your daily life do you interact with the poor?


 What do those interactions look like?

 How does that differ from the way you interact with wealthy people?

 What leads us to treat people who are rich/poor, popular/unpopular, smart/simple, and so on, differently?

 Have you ever been subjected to favoritism by someone else? How did that make you feel?

2 What are some ways you have shown favoritism, maybe even unintentionally, to those in your circle of influence?

 How does the gospel change a heart of favoritism? How should the church be different from the world in this regard?

 How should Christ's judgment on the last day affect your words and actions today?

3 Does this contradict God's grace? Explain your answer.

Why does showing mercy depend on receiving mercy, and how does the message of the gospel fit into this?

List some ways in which James' teaching mirrors the ministry and teaching of Jesus in the Gospels.

Reflect on God's mercy to you in Christ. Is there anyone to whom you need to extend that same quality of mercy, today?

4 How can you treat the person you discriminate against, judge, or reject with new gospel-motivated mercy?

Who is your new target of mercy that you can prayerfully pursue?

Share how your week's efforts went as you sought to be a doer of the Word. Do you have questions or need help, advice, or prayer?

5 Which obstacles did you face in your attempt to show Jesus' mercy?

Do you feel encouraged, discouraged, both, or neither?

Take some time in your group to pray for one another. Remember to praise Jesus for the way he treats people like you and me.

PRAYER REQUESTS
